

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8215–S8317*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3213–3215, S. Res. 447–452, and S. Con. Res. 21. **Page S8236**

**Measures Reported:**

S. Res. 345, expressing the sense of the Senate on the political situation in Belarus, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. 2428, to amend title 31, United States Code, to modify False Claims Act procedures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8236**

**Measures Passed:**

*National College Application Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 449, designating November 2021 as “National College Application Month”. **Page S8316**

*Honoring the late Senator Max Cleland:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 451, honoring the life and legacy of the late Senator Max Cleland. **Pages S8316–17**

*National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 452, recognizing November 2021 as “National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month”. **Page S8317**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13851 of November 27, 2018, with respect to Nicaragua; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–17) **Page S8235**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Amendment to Montreal Protocol (“Kigali Amendment”) (Treaty Doc. No. 117–1).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Com-

mittee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S8316**

**Nelson Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, and the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, occur at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S8223**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. **Page S8317**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 467), Graham Scott Steele, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S8215–22**

By 76 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 469), Robert Farrell Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation. **Pages S8222–24**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 75 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 468), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S8222–23**

By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 470), Jonathan Kanter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S8232–33**

Richard Trumka, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2021.

Willie L. Phillips, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S8316**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S8235**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S8314**

**Privileges of the Floor:**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—470) **Pages S8222, S8223, S8224, S8233**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Max Cleland, in accordance with S. Res. 451, at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8317.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ENERGY PRICE TRENDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the causes, outlook, and implications of domestic and international energy price trends, after receiving testimony from Stephen Nalley, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Tim Gould, Chief Energy Economist, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; and Robert Bryce, *A Question of Power: Electricity and the Wealth of Nations*, Austin, Texas.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Maria Louise Lago, of New York, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, both of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### DHS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 5982–5990; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 794, were introduced. **Page H6317**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6318–19**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cardenas to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6269**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6275**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*VA Electronic Health Record Transparency Act of 2021:* H.R. 4591, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress periodic reports on the costs of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization program; **Pages H6278–79**